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Although the applicants will not respond to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003, this is not to be construed as acquiescence to the rejection, and applicants reserve the right to re-file the same or similar claims based upon an identical disclosure in a future co-pending application.


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Applicants have submitted a Petition for Extension of time with regard to this response and have paid the fee due with this submission. However, if any additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

The Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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